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PRESS RELEASE

2016 METRO EAST WORK ZONES

The Illinois Department of Transportation today released the following summary of its 2016 work zones throughout the Metro East:

East St. Louis – I-55/64 Westbound Bridge Widening

The right lane is closed around the clock on westbound I-55/64 between the 3rd Street and Tudor Avenue exits approaching the Poplar Street Bridge. The right lane at this location will remain closed through the end of this year. Once the right lane is reopened, the left lane of I-55/64 westbound will be closed and will remain closed through the completion of the project in Spring 2017. Once completed, this project will provide access via a new ramp from eastbound Martin Luther King Jr. Bridge to westbound I-55/64.

Alorton – IL 15 over the Alton & Southern Railroad between IL 163 and I-255

Traffic lanes are reduced from two lanes to one in each direction at this bridge, around the clock. These closures are necessary to perform bridge and pavement repairs and are expected to be removed before this July.

Belleville – IL 15 over IL 13 and Railroads between IL 159 and Greenmount Road

Traffic lanes are reduced from two lanes to one in each direction at this bridge around the clock. These lane closures are necessary to replace the bridges and they are expected to be removed by the end of this year.

St. Jacob – IL 4 over the East Fork of Silver Creek just north of U.S. 40

Traffic lanes are reduced to one traffic lane, with two-way traffic maintained through the work zone by temporary traffic signals. These closures are necessary to replace the bridge and are expected to be removed this fall.

Grafton – IL 3 between IL 109 and Grafton Hills Drive

Traffic lanes are reduced to one lane controlled by temporary traffic signals throughout this year to extend drainage culverts and construct roadway shoulders.

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St. Clair County – I-64 between IL 4 and IL 158

Two lanes of traffic are maintained in each direction by shifting traffic lanes through this work zone; however, I-64 may be reduced to one lane in each direction intermittently throughout this summer. These lane configurations and restrictions are necessary to construct a new interchange at I-64 and Rieder Road, north of Scott Air Force Base.

Fairview Heights – IL 157 over U.S. 50 and MetroLink

IL 157 is closed to all traffic around the clock at the bridge carrying it over U.S. 50 and MetroLink. The ramps carrying traffic to and from U.S. 50 and IL 157 will remain open. This project will replace the existing bridge at this location and it is expected to be completed this fall. At that time, IL 157 will reopen to traffic.

Edwardsville/Hamel – IL 157 between IL 140 in Hamel and IL 143 in Edwardsville

IL 157 will be restricted to one lane of traffic during daylight work hours, with two-way traffic through the work zone being maintained by traffic control and flaggers. This project will repair and resurface the pavement and it is expected to be completed this fall.

Granite City – I-270 over the Mississippi River

Traffic lanes will be reduced from two lanes to one in each direction for two consecutive weekends; the lane closures will begin on a Friday evening after rush hour and reopen before Monday morning rush hour. This project will seal the driving surface of the bridge and is anticipated to be completed this July or early August, weather permitting. A press release will be issued once this work is scheduled.

Washington Park – IL 111 between St. Clair Avenue and State Street

IL 111 will be restricted to one lane of traffic during daylight work hours, with two-way traffic through the work zone being maintained by traffic control and flaggers. This project will repair and resurface the pavement and it is expected to be completed this summer. A press release will be issued once this work is scheduled.

Bethalto – IL-255 between IL 140 and Seminary Road

Traffic lanes will be reduced from two lanes to one in each direction during work hours, beginning this May. This project will place a pavement overlay on this section and it is expected to be completed by this fall. A press release will be issued once this work is scheduled.

Washington County – I-64 from east of IL 127 to east of U.S. 51

Traffic lanes will be reduced from two lanes to one in each direction during work hours, beginning in May of this year. This project will place a pavement overlay in this section and it is expected to be completed by this fall. A press release will be issued once this work is scheduled.

Additional information is available at <http://stl-traffic.org>.

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